

Usual Brilliant Budget of News Notes  
Gleaned by THE TRIBUNE Reporter

# Stuart-on-the-St. Lucie

On Route of the big Canal that is to  
Drain Okechobee and the Everglades

## CONTRACTING FOR CANAL DREDGES

It now appears that Governor Brown and not only intends to carry his drainage scheme through, but he will lose no time in commencing work on the project which is to bring into cultivation millions of acres of land now covered by the Everglades.

Following is an excerpt from a letter written by the governor to Hon. F. A. Hendry, at Ellabelle, Fla., and published in the Fort Myers Press:

"We have an engineer and force in the field making a survey from the St. Lucie to Lake Okechobee. We have also contracted for the machinery for two large dredges, one of them to be completed in ninety days from the 14th of August, and the other in one hundred and twenty days from the same date. I assure you that we are proceeding as rapidly as it is practicable for us to proceed.

"By the first day of January we hope to be dredging a canal from Lake Okechobee to tide water, with the determination to make the cross section area of the canal sufficient to relieve the Colosahatchee river, and to protect the people from the destruction wrought by overflow.

"I expect to have the hull for one of the dredges built on the Kissimmee or the Caloosahatchee river, the other one probably on the Indian or St. Lucie river."

## PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

Postmaster Kitching has had the roof of the postoffice building repaired.

Geo. W. Thomas is going to put a concrete walk in front of his home on Avenue D.

Did you see THE TRIBUNE last week? If not, why not subscribe now and be abreast of the times.

J. A. Paramore and family have gone to Arcadia, where Mr. Paramore has a position in a furniture store.

B. G. Ball and family, with Frank J. Frazer and his mother, Mrs. M. M. Frazer, are at the beach for a few days.

Regular appointment of Rev. T. W. Tomkies at the Methodist church Sunday. Preaching at 11 and Sunday school at 10 a. m.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will hold their usual interesting meeting Sunday night at 6:30 at the Methodist church. Mrs. F. M. Platt is the appointed leader. All are welcome.

Geo. McPherson, who has not been well, says he is feeling much better. As he is one of our ball players considerable more than usual interest is manifested regarding his health.

M. Paxton, who has purchased some pineapple land of County Commissioner John, arrived Tuesday with his wife. They will occupy Mr. John's cottage near the school house until Mr. Paxton can build.

Even the best people have a tendency to go plodding on, year after year, in the same old track. The way to keep alive—to be a success—is to talk with brainy people and read those things that make you think. Therefore you should come to Stuart and talk with the people and read THE TRIBUNE. Then you will learn why Stuart is the most successful place on the East Coast of its size, and it makes some of the larger places move lively to keep up.

## THE DOG'S COAT.

Brush It, but Do Not Wash It, If You Want It Perfect.

In the Country Calendar Reginald F. Mahew writes: "Even careful feeding will not give a dog's coat that glow which is such a sure sign of health if he is continually washed with soap and water. Owners who allow their dogs to live in the house are forever washing the wretched animal and forever complain that his coat is coming out. The oftener the dog is washed and scrubbed the more will his coat leave its trail and the deader and duller will it look. The health and growth of a dog's coat depend entirely on a natural oil from the skin. As often as the dog is washed so often is the oil washed out and so much more is the destruction of the coat. If a dog were brushed every day for five or ten minutes against as well as with the grain his coat would not only have a luster, but would cease to distribute itself all over the place except for a very short time once or twice a year. Besides this, brushing has a stimulating effect on the whole system, helps the blood circulation; by this the digestion, and so the general health."

## FISHERMAN MET A MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Gus Peterson, a fisherman, in the employ of the E. J. Ricou Fish company, of Jensen, met death on the river the first of the week, in a somewhat mysterious manner. Several conflicting stories are about. It appears that Peterson was alone in his boat and there was a boat ahead with two in it. The parties in the first boat noticed that the engine in the second boat was still, and later noticed that the boat appeared to be empty. They turned back to investigate, and not finding Peterson hastened back to report the affair.

The body was found at Hooy's cove, several bruises being around the head and eyes, and one eye was out. The boat was spattered with blood.

One story is to the effect that the man was subject to fits and may have fell on the engine while it was running and was knocked overboard.

Justice Hancock refused to hold a coroner's inquest, giving as a reason that, under the circumstances, it would only be an unnecessary expense to the county.

## LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE.

Countless Worlds In Space May Be Inhabited.

The fact that, so far as we have yet been able to learn, only a very small proportion of the visible worlds scattered through space are fitted to be the abode of life does not preclude the probability that among hundreds of millions of such worlds a vast number are so fitted. Such being the case, all the analogies of nature lead us to believe that, whatever the process which led to life upon this earth, whether a special act of creative power or a gradual course of development, through that same process does life begin in every part of the universe fitted to sustain it. The course of development involves a gradual improvement in living forms, which by irregular steps rise higher and higher in the scale of being. We have every reason to believe that this is the case wherever life exists. It is therefore perfectly reasonable to suppose that beings, not only animated, but endowed with reason, inhabit countless worlds in space. It would, indeed, be very inspiring could we learn by actual observation what forms of society exist throughout space and see the members of such societies enjoying themselves by their warm firesides. But this is, so far as we can now see, entirely beyond the possible reach of our race, so long as it is confined to a single world.—Professor Simon Newcomb in Harper's Magazine.

## The Saucy Wren.

The mother wren, with her saucy tail tilted at a saucy angle, loved to come around the lattices and porches of the house to make her home.

A gray haired gentleman sitting quietly reading on his front porch one morning watched her with a mixture of amusement and affection till she flitted out of view.

Presently he felt the flutter of wings around his head, and then a pair of small feet rested there. It was the wren.

A most vigorous pulling and tugging at his hair betrayed the purpose of the enterprising little bird. When she had secured what she could carry of the soft white hair she flew away.—Pear-

## The Father of Odessa.

A French emigre was the father of Odessa in Russia. He was the Duc de Richelieu of the line of the famous cardinal, who left France in the troublous days of the revolution and entered the Russian service. He was the governor of Odessa about a century ago. He found it little better than a fishing village and left it as it was developing into a flourishing seaport. In 1814, when the monarchy was restored, the Duc de Richelieu returned to his native land and became one of Louis XVIII's ministers. He died in 1821. In Odessa a statue is erected to his memory.

## Meningitis In Animals.

Veterinary surgeons know, but the general public probably does not, that some animals are as liable to meningitis as are human beings. Goats and horses are the principal sufferers in the dumb creation, and from them the infection may be transmitted to man. In horses the disease is known as "hydrocephalus acutus." Of horses affected with the disease, 78 per cent die, and the remainder have a chronic tendency to relapse.—London Globe.

## Still Unemployed.

"Is your son working?" asked the neighbor.

"Not yet," answered Farmer Corn-tassel.

"Can't he get a job?"

"He ain't satisfied with a job. He wants a position."—Washington Star.

## STUART MAY HAVE A LAUNDRY SOON

Steps are now being taken to organize a co-operative laundry. Readers of this column will remember a former article in regard to the necessity of establishing an enterprise of this nature in Stuart. The matter has never been lost sight of and at present correspondence is being carried on with parties desiring to furnish the outfit to carry on the business, and it is hoped that the time will not be long before we can get first class laundry work done in Stuart. The Stuart Co-operative club is contemplating furnishing a place for the laundry in connection with their other building plans.

## Expects Brother from England.

Only those who have experienced matters of the same nature can realize the feelings of Postmaster Kitching, who is looking forward to a visit from his brother in England, whom he has not seen in 30 years. It is expected that he will come to Stuart with Walter Kitching and family, who are now in North Carolina with W. J. Dyer and family, visiting.

## Will See "Teddy" in Jacksonville.

We were much pleased to receive a letter from W. J. Dyer, one of our large pineapple growers who, with his family, is visiting in North Carolina. He says they are enjoying themselves very much. He says they have had one light frost. They expect to reach Stuart on the 22d of this month, stopping at Jacksonville during the president's visit there.

## Location for a Cemetery.

For some time efforts have been made to secure a location for a cemetery, but there have been so few deaths here it has been difficult to convince people of the real necessity of one. The matter has been settled at last, however, and B. Kitching has secured five acres of land from C. Shroeder for that purpose.

## THE HOTEL CHILD.

Dangers That Beset the Luckless Offspring of Restless Parents.

It is not the material aids to existence which are the bane of the hotel child; it is the mental and spiritual attitude accompanying this life which is to be deprecated. It destroys a democratic spirit through emphasizing the difference between the servant and the served, it exaggerates the power of money, fosters a spirit of dependence and unfits the pampered individual for any other kind of life, and, worst of all, in a child so brought up there can be no understanding or love of home. There may be some future for the child who knows nothing of art, some function for the one to whom literature makes no appeal and who is not sensitive to music, but there is no place in the state for the man who has neither initiative, self reliance, patriotism nor love of home. He is a social menace, a disease. The community is better off without this satellite of the manager, parasite of the bell boy and source of supply for the waiter.

If there is one child in our community who is superfluous it is the hotel child. As places for temporary occupation by homeless and childless adults hotels are to be tolerated, but as residences for children they are without the possibility of excuse.—Miss Martha S. Bensley in Everybody's Magazine.

## FIVE MINUTES.

Under Some Circumstances It Seems a Very Long Time.

In a murder trial before a western court the prisoner was able to account for the whole of his time except five minutes on the evening when the crime was committed. His counsel argued that it was impossible for him to have killed the man under the circumstances in so brief a period, and on that plea largely based his defense, the other testimony being strongly against his client.

When the prosecuting attorney replied, he said: "How long a time really is five minutes? Let us see. Will his honor command absolute silence in the courtroom for that space?"

The judge graciously complied. There was a clock on the wall. Every eye in the courtroom was fixed upon it as the pendulum ticked off the seconds. There was a breathless silence.

We all know how time which is waited for creeps and halts and at last does not seem to move at all.

The keen witted counsel waited until the tired audience gave a sigh of relief at the close of the period, and then asked quietly:

"Could he not have struck one fatal blow in all that time?"

The prisoner was found guilty, and, as it was proved afterward, justly.

## NOW is the Time to BUY LAND The Everglades will be Drained

A route has been surveyed and the canal from Lake Okechobee to the St. Lucie river will be dug, and Stuart-on-the-St. Lucie, near the canal route, is attracting the attention of the homeseeker and investor. \* Unexcelled bathing and boating, launch trips up the river and to the ocean, a fresh and salt water fishing offer more than ordinary inducements to the tourist and health seeker. \* Hotel and boarding house accommodations for all at most reasonable prices.

## WE ARE ON "THE SPOT" Real Estate is the only Safe Investment

I have secured some of the most desirable and best located land at Stuart-on-the-St. Lucie and on the St. Lucie river that are to be had. If you anticipate buying here, NOW is the time, and you should call or write for further information at once. Stuart people realize the future importance of this section and, as a rule, are making no effort to sell property, but some desirable locations can be had through this agency. Every courtesy will be shown our customers.

LOT No. 1. A first class chance to obtain a paying piece of property of 15 acres; 7 in bearing pineapples; 5 under shed. The pines were not hurt by last winter's cold and have a good fall and winter crop in sight. Has a tram road, good packing house and railroad platform. One of the best paying pineapple plantations on the East Coast; has been bringing in \$2,000 a year, and the plants are in better condition now than ever. Can be had NOW for \$5,000.

LOT No. 2. A large plot of land near the postoffice; very desirable location and one of the best to be had at the price offered. Only \$350.

LOT No. 3. Five acres of land, short distance from post office, church and school; on the rock road. A valuable piece of property that can be bought for \$300.

LOT No. 4. Five acres of some of the most valuable land in this section. It is exceedingly valuable for pineapple culture or could be subdivided into building lots. It is situated on a fine rock road, only a short distance from postoffice, church, school house and railroad station and is offered at same price as land much further from the center of town. It has no superior and few equals. A safe piece of property to buy at the price—\$1,000.

## BETTER SEE ABOUT THIS ONE.

LOT No. 5. Here is a bargain that cannot be beaten anywhere. One hundred dollars net profit is made here every year.

on land not as good as this, and if you this I will tell you how to make more on it. 160 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Stuart, acres in oranges and pineapples. Some the trees in bearing; 1 acre in pine alone; 2 acres garden land; buildings on this is the best 160 acres on the St. Lucie river or any of its tributaries—20 acres first class pineapple land, 140 acres garden land (30 acres of muck), and a first class orange land. Oranges are unusually safe here; there has never been a tree killed by the cold. A heavy growth of grass on the place and a good stock can all around, and an abundance of pure water. This property fronts on a large canal is worth \$1,000 to the place as it affords a perfectly safe harbor for boats a storm. There is plenty of lemons, guavas, mangoes, etc., for family use. Price, \$35 per acre.

LOT No. 6. A very fine river front property. Two acres at Rio in pineapples, few orange, lime and guava trees; a 5-room, 1 1/2 story house; half interest tramway and car to Rio station. Then on this place netted \$575 two years. Fronts on the St. Lucie river. Price \$10,000.

LOT 7. Ten acres of land on the St. Lucie river, 1 1/2 miles from Stuart; fine of fine orange, fruit and vegetable land will pay for itself in one season if planted in potatoes or other vegetables. It is a short distance from the big canal and is certain to be worth more than now asked. A safe investment. \$20,000.

LOT 8. A valuable corner lot in house. First class location and a bargain. A fine place for a winter residence. Price only \$250.

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